

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Rail Yard Engineers, Dinkey Operators, and Hostlers (53-4013)

Associated Occupation: Locomotive Firers (53-4012)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 83

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Transportation	4.6	12.9	16.6	>> Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Mechanical	6.8	12.4	7.6	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Public Safety and Security	6.9	11.8	12.4	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 95

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operation Monitoring	6.6	12.7	12.0	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Operation and Control	5.4	12.0	12.3	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Troubleshooting	4.5	7.9	8.0	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Equipment Maintenance	3.5	6.6	6.1	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Repairing	3.4	6.0	6.9	> Skill level is likely sufficient

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Abilities

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Far Vision	7.8	13.8	12.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Reaction Time	4.8	13.0	11.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Selective Attention	8.7	12.2	9.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Control Precision	6.6	11.8	12.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Response Orientation	4.0	11.4	11.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Glare Sensitivity	2.6	7.6	6.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Night Vision	2.1	6.4	4.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Peripheral Vision	2.2	6.4	6.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Sound Localization	2.2	5.8	6.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Inspect railroad equipment	89
Monitor railroad vehicle or equipment operation	89
Operate locomotives, dinkey engines, or other rail vehicles	92
Perform safety inspections in transportation setting	62
Transport passengers or cargo	64
Understand railroad signals	89
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6
Use two-way radio or mobile phone	42

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: n/a

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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